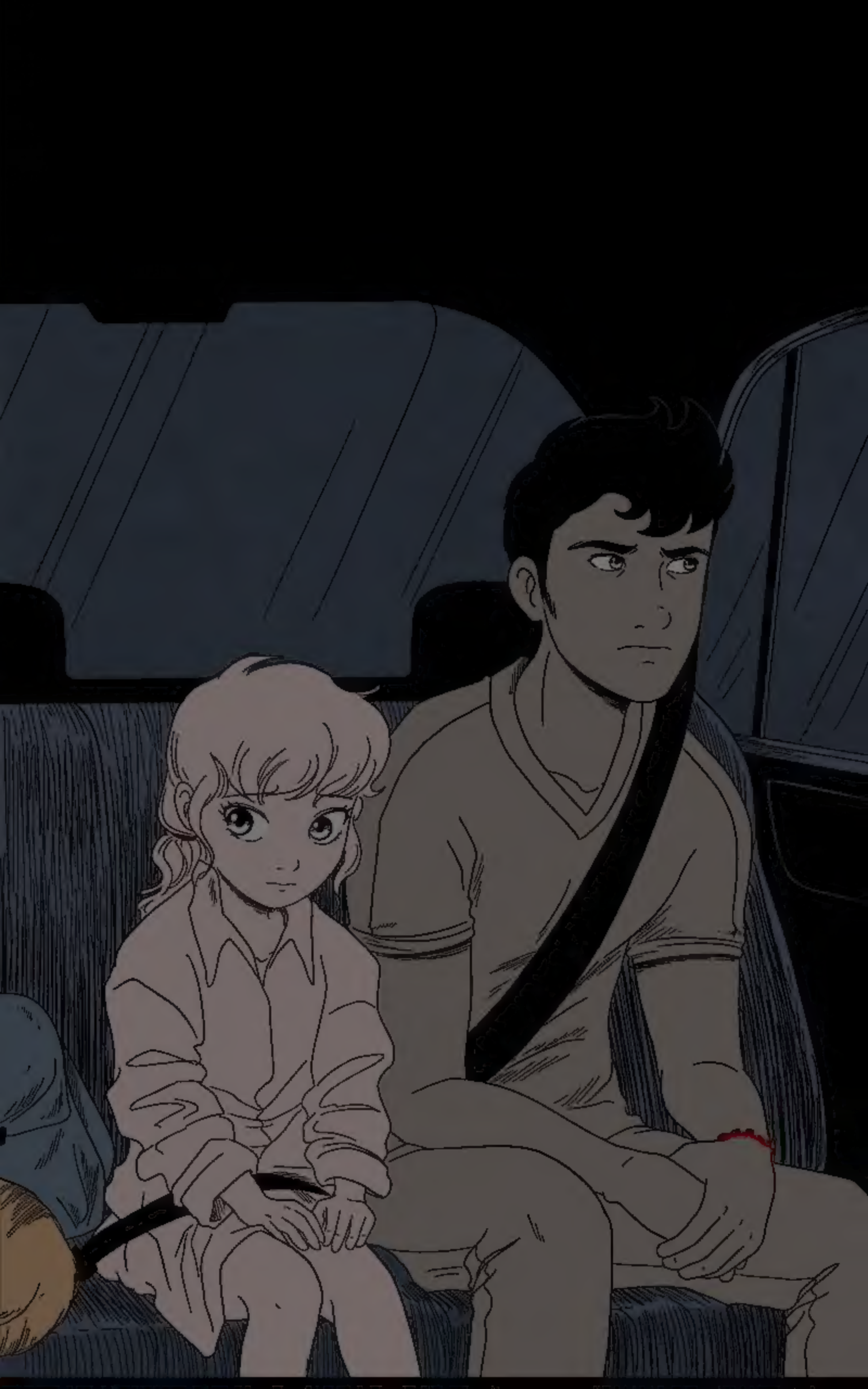
VRRRRMMM...

WE'VE BEEN PUSHED OUT OF EVERY HOME WE HAD.

FORCED TO KEEP RUNNING.

ALWAYS RUNNING.



NOW WE WERE THE ONES WHO WERE GOING TO DO THE PUSHING.

PUSHING *BACK* AGAINST THE THING THAT HELD US HERE.

FIGHTING THIS THING IN ITS LAIR. SOMETHING WE'D BEEN SPENDING SO LONG TRYING *NOT* TO DO.

I FINALLY REALIZED THE TRUTH.

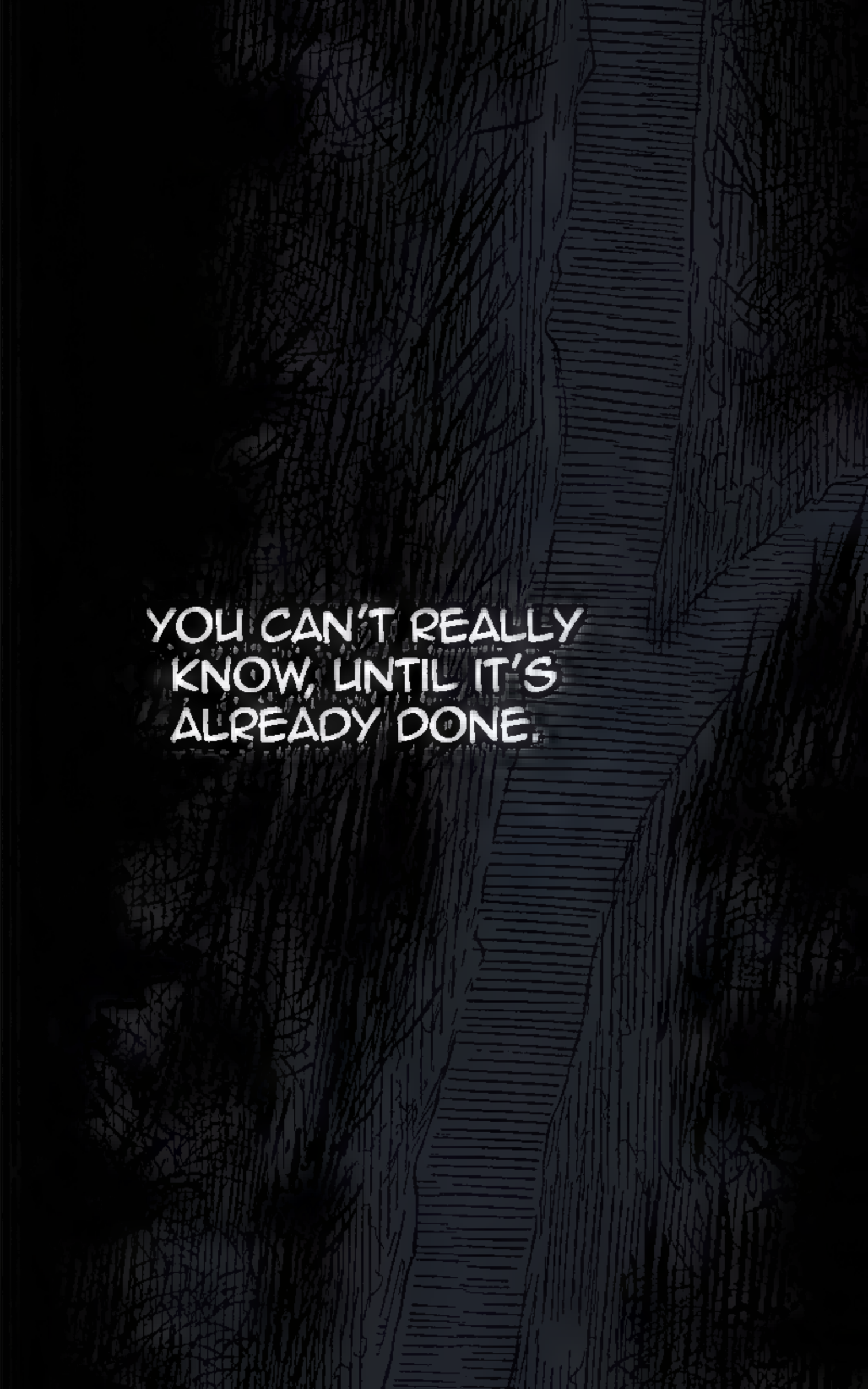
WE WOULD NEVER GET OUT UNTIL THAT THING

OUT, UNTIL THAT THING
WAS DEAD.

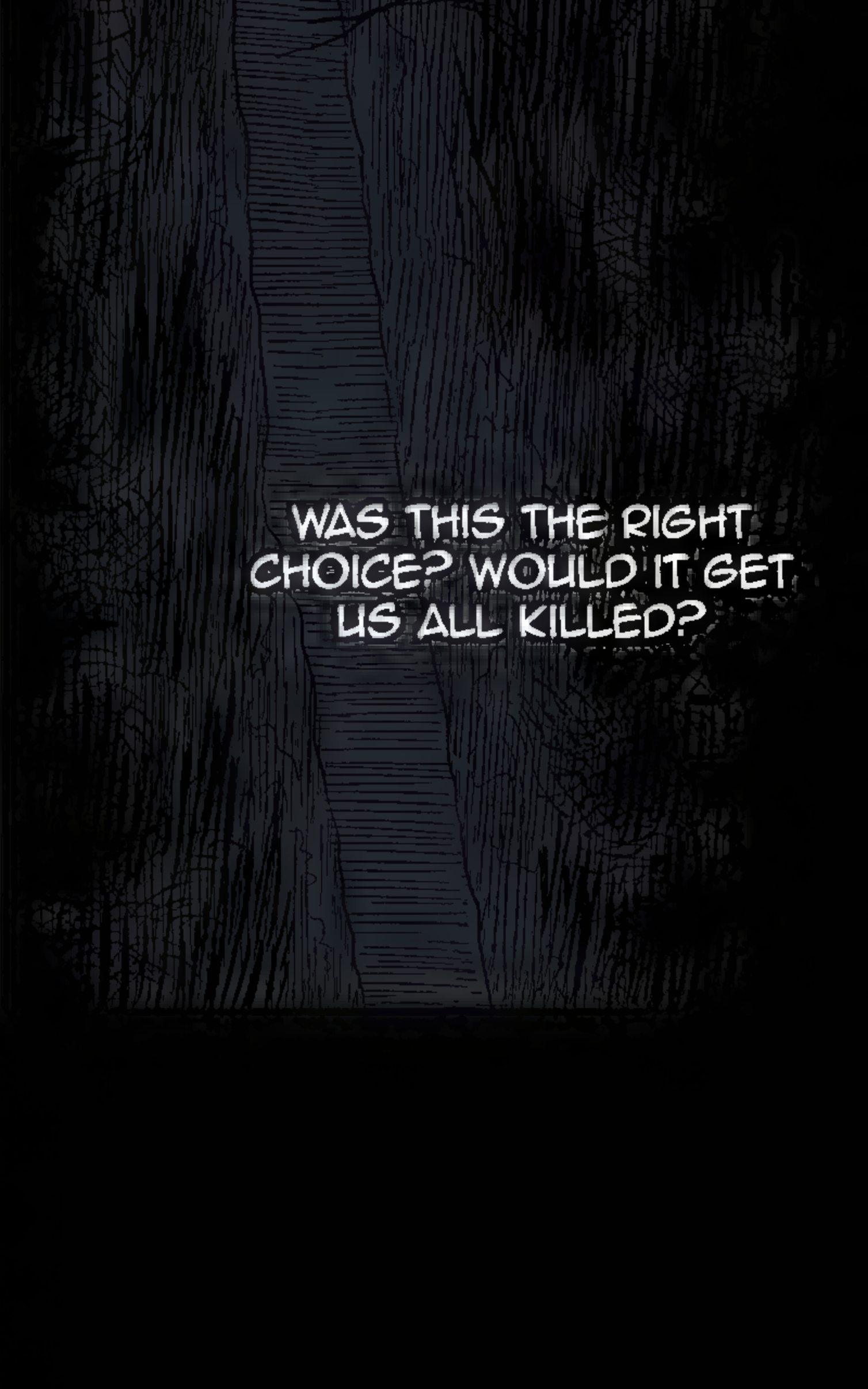
FIGHT

PART FIVE

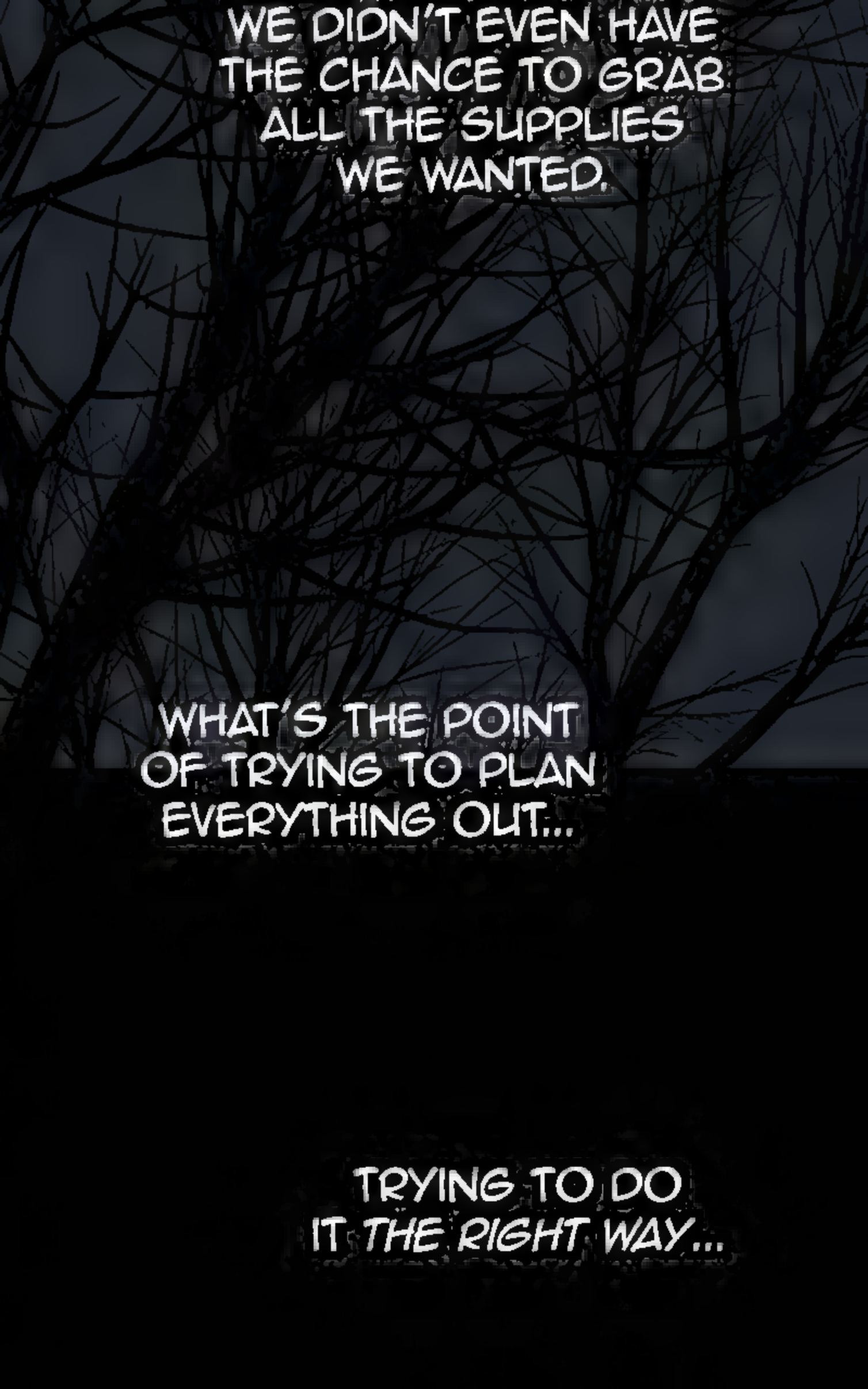
HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING?


YOU CAN'T REALLY
KNOW, UNTIL IT'S
ALREADY DONE.

WE WERE FOLLOWING ASHLEY'S VAGUE DIRECTIONS TO THIS BACK TUNNEL.

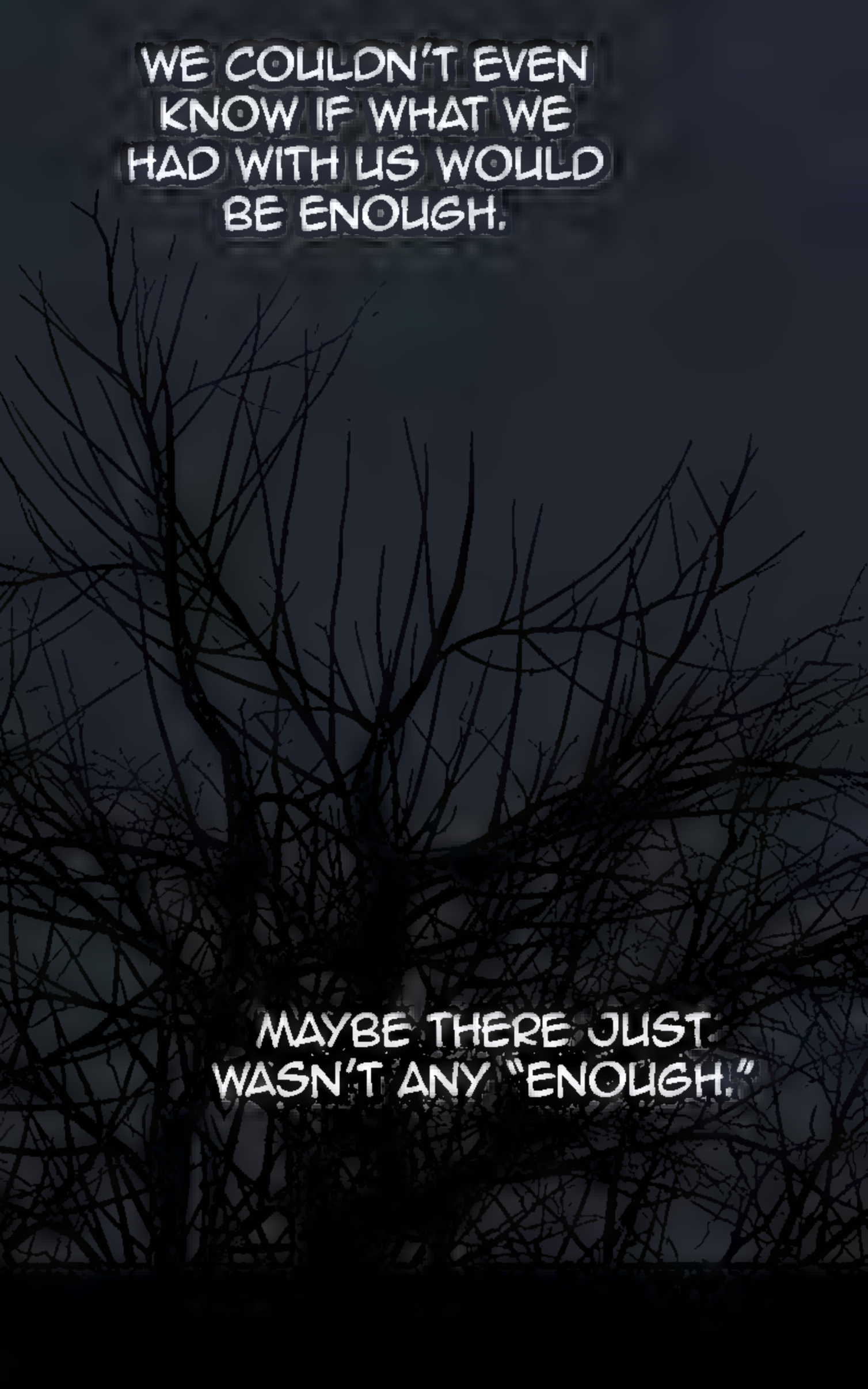

WAS THIS THE RIGHT CHOICE? WOULD IT GET US ALL KILLED?

YOU CAN'T KNOW,
UNTIL IT'S ALREADY
DONE.

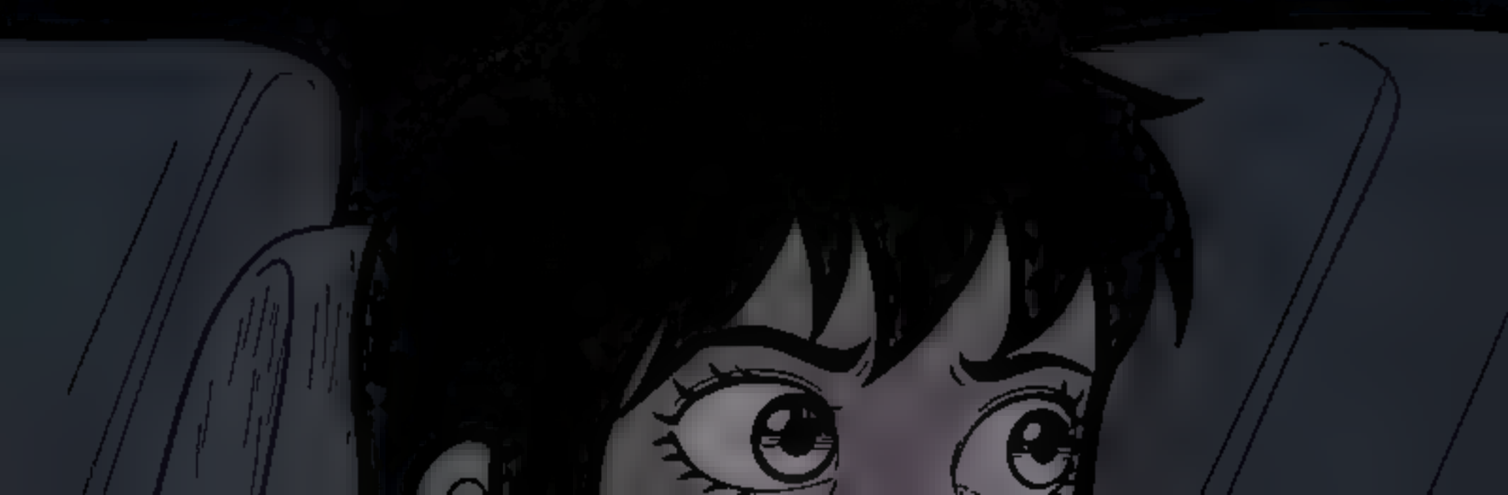

WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO GRAB ALL THE SUPPLIES WE WANTED.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF TRYING TO PLAN EVERYTHING OUT...
TRYING TO DO IT *THE RIGHT WAY*...

...IF YOU DON'T GET THE *CHANCE* TO DO IT RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW.


WE COULDN'T EVEN KNOW IF WHAT WE HAD WITH US WOULD BE ENOUGH.
MAYBE THERE JUST WASN'T ANY "ENOUGH."

MAYBE ALL OF THIS WAS DOOMED FROM THE START.

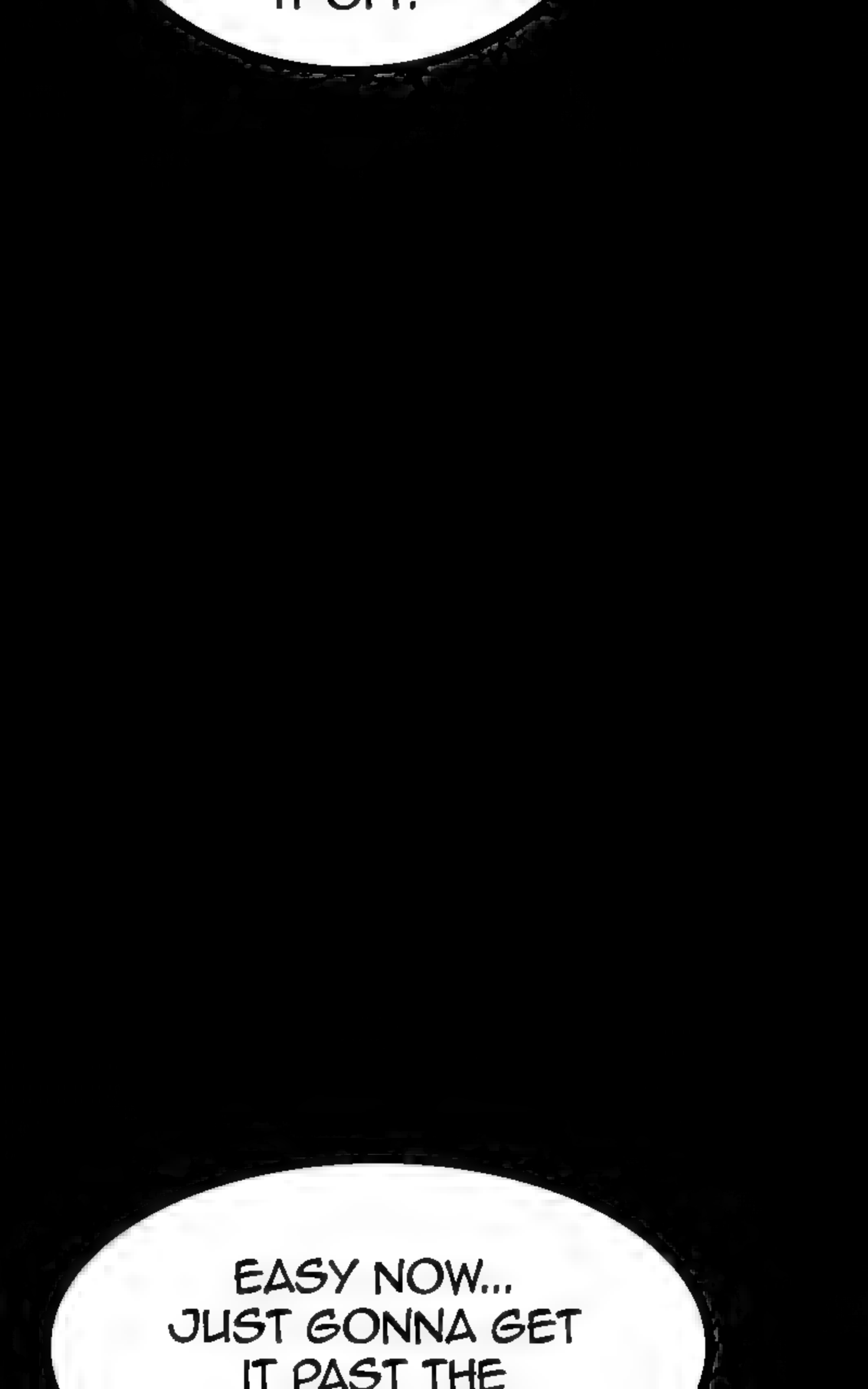


I THINK WE'RE HERE.
JUST AFTER THE CROSS ROAD TURNOFF, RIGHT?

I'M GONNA PULL THE CAR INTO THE WOODS A LITTLE WAY, SO IT WON'T BE SEEN FROM THE ROAD.
RIGHT.

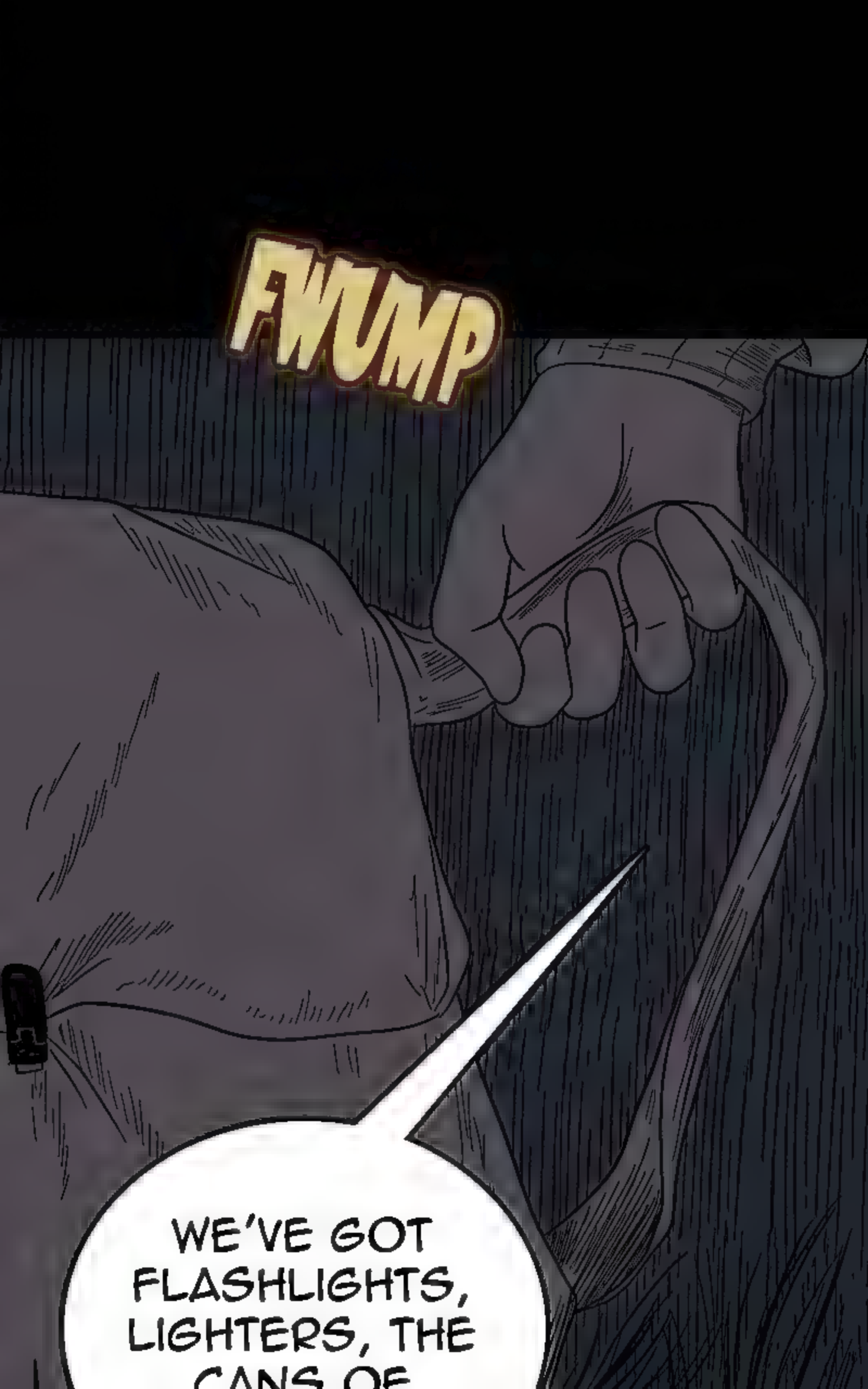
I WAS
THINKING...

SHOULD WE COVER THE CAR? WITH BRANCHES AND STUFF?
MAKE IT HARDER TO SEE?
I...NO.
IF WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST, WE MAY NOT HAVE TIME TO CLEAR IT OFF


EASY NOW...
JUST GONNA GET
IT PAST THE

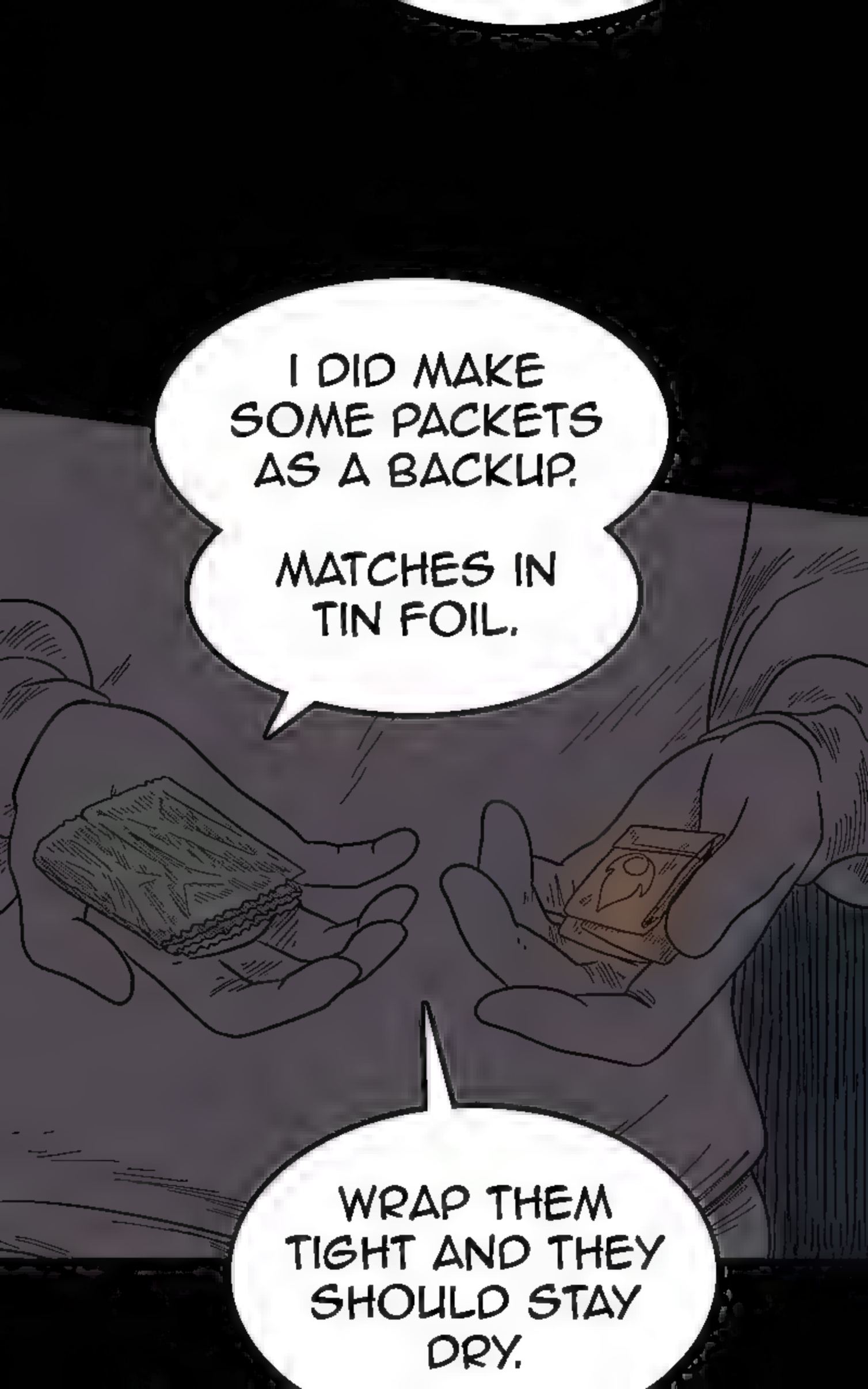
TREELINE.
CREAAAK

OKAY.

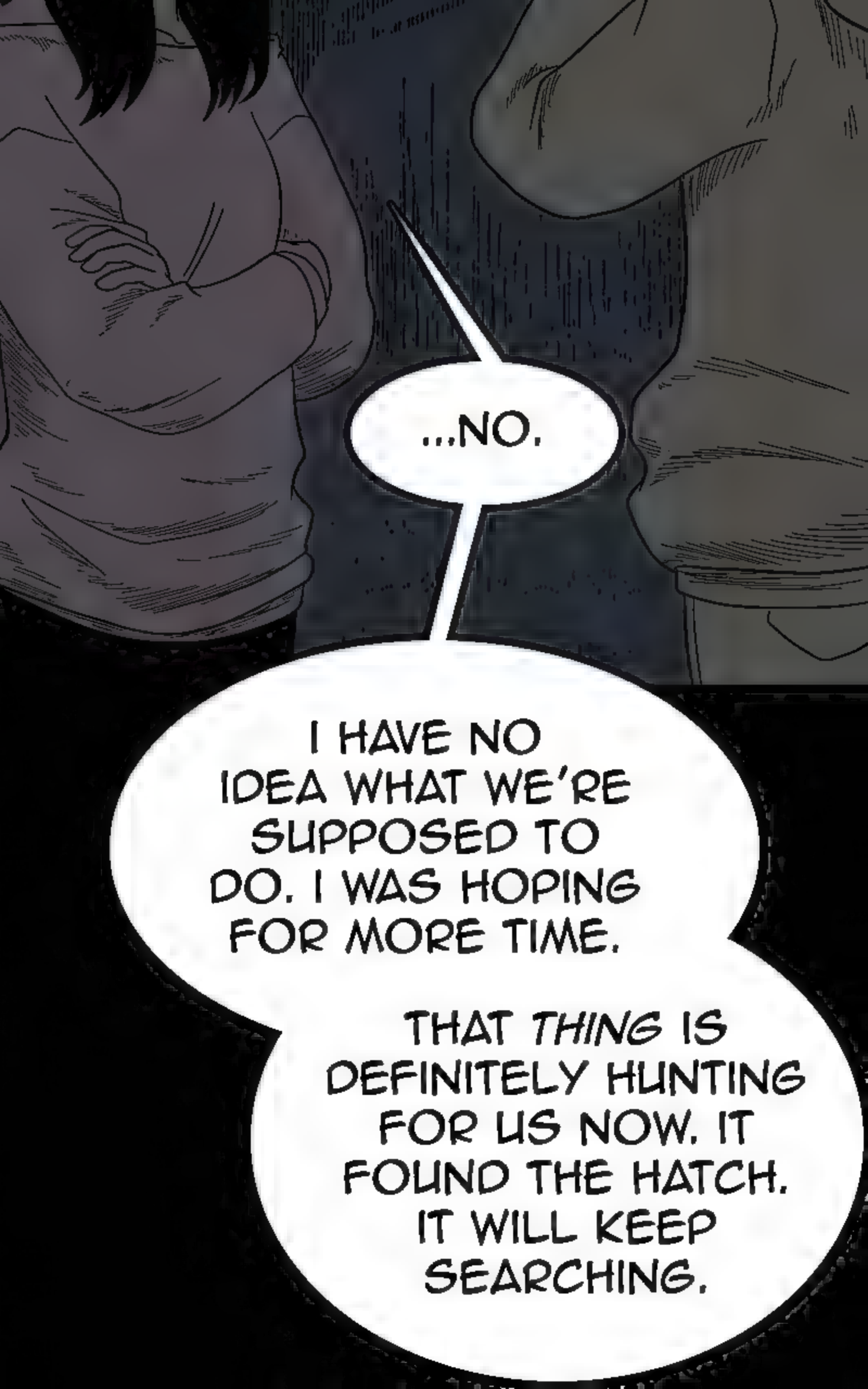

FWUMP
WE'VE GOT FLASHLIGHTS, LIGHTERS, THE

CANS OF SPRAY...
...AND LIKE FIVE BOTTLES OF GAS FOR MAKING MOLOTOVS.
SIGH...
NOT MUCH.
I KNOW. BUT AT LEAST WE GRABBED STUFF FOR ASHLEY,

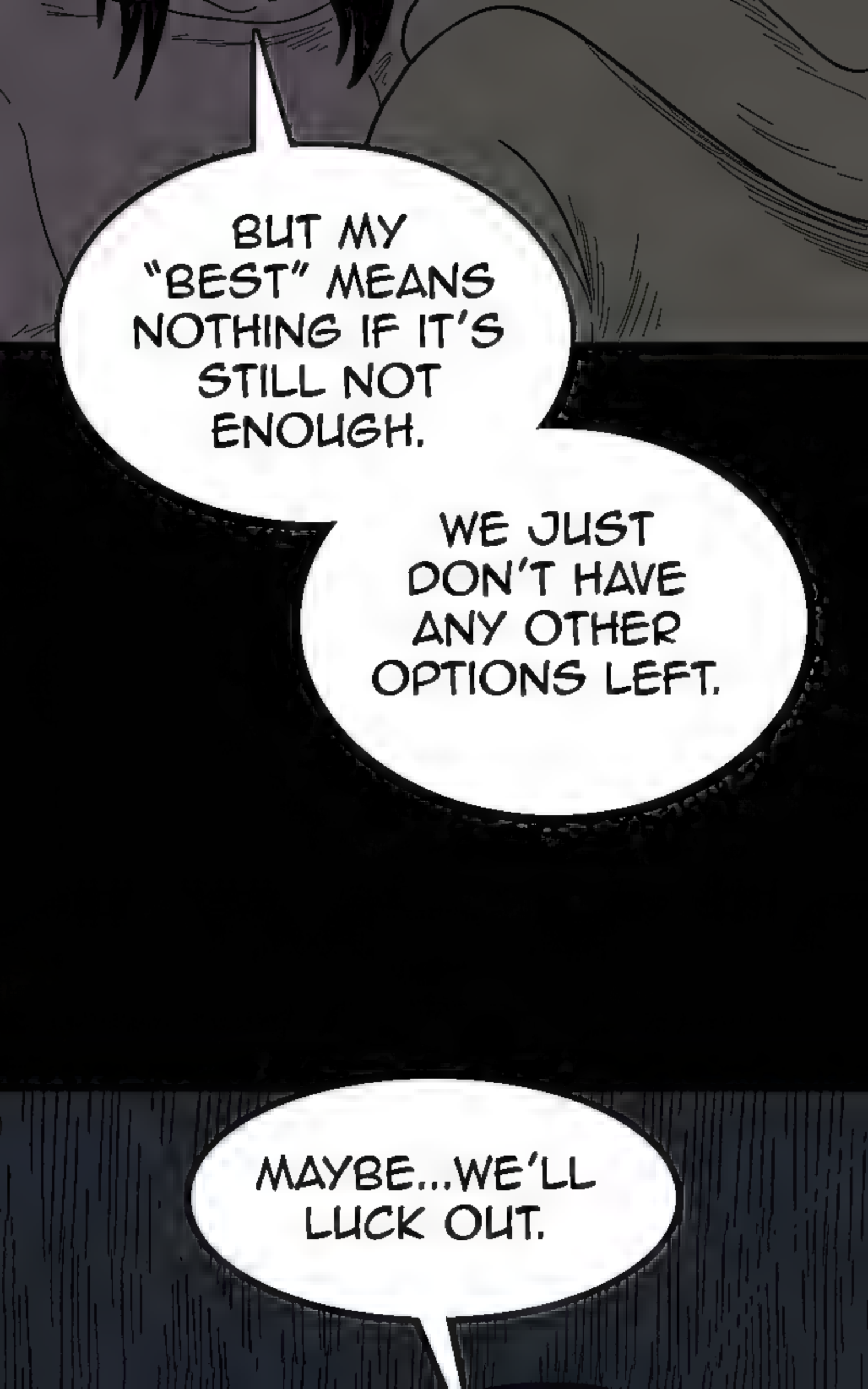
TOO.
BLANKETS, FOOD, THAT SORT OF THING. AGAIN, NOT MUCH.


I DID MAKE SOME PACKETS AS A BACKUP.
MATCHES IN TIN FOIL.
WRAP THEM TIGHT AND THEY SHOULD STAY DRY.

JUST WISH WE HAD PLASTIC BAGS, THOUGH.
DO WE... EVEN HAVE A PLAN?


...NO.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. I WAS HOPING FOR MORE TIME.
THAT *THING* IS DEFINITELY HUNTING FOR US NOW. IT FOUND THE HATCH. IT WILL KEEP SEARCHING.

YOU DID YOUR BEST, FRANKIE.
I KNOW.


BUT MY "BEST" MEANS NOTHING IF IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH.
WE JUST DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTIONS LEFT.
MAYBE...WE'LL LUCK OUT.

MAYBE WE CAN SNEAK UP ON IT.

FRAN, UM...
IF WE MAY NOT
MAKE IT BACK,
I, UM...

I JUST WANTED TO SA-
NO.
UH...

WHAT?
WHY "NO?"
BECAUSE THAT'S QUITTER TALK.

IF WE GO INTO THIS JUST ASSUMING THERE *MIGHT* NOT BE A LATER FOR SAYING STUFF, THERE REALLY ***WON'T*** BE.
I DON'T PLAN TO FAIL, JEREMY, AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU. SAVE IT FOR WHEN WE ESCAPE.

PFFF...
HA HA HA!

HOW ARE YOU ALWAYS SO DAMN *DETERMINED?*
WELL...
IT HELPS TO BE ANGRY ABOUT STUFF ALL THE TIME.

BEING PISSED OFF IS MY SUPERPOWER.

OK PEANUT, YOU GOT YOUR BLANKET, YOUR SNACKS...
AND THE KITTY CAT.

DON'T OPEN THE CAR DOOR FOR ANYONE, OKAY?
OR TOUCH THE HORN OR ANYTHING.

JUST BE QUIET LIKE A MOUSE AND WE'LL BE BACK SUPER SOON.
ARE YOU...
ARE YOU *REALLY* GONNA COME BACK?

COURSE WE ARE, TINY. DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT ONE BIT.
BUT WHILE WE'RE GONE...
IF ANYONE COMES BY, YOU AND KITTY HAVE TO BE ROCKS,

OKAY?
YOU KNOW HOW TO BE A ROCK? ROCKS DON'T MAKE A SOUND.

AND THEY DON'T MOVE AT ALL.
SO IF KITTY GETS MAD AND HISSES, OR YOU HEAR A NOISE, YOU GET UNDER THE BLANKET ON THE FLOOR.

STAY IN THE BLANKET AND BE THE BEST ROCK, NICE AND QUIET AND WITHOUT MOVING.

IT'S OKAY, KID. FELIX IS REALLY STRONG. I SAW HIM BEAT UP A MONSTER ONCE.
AND KITTY IS GOOD AT NOTICING MONSTERS.
SO DON'T WORRY.

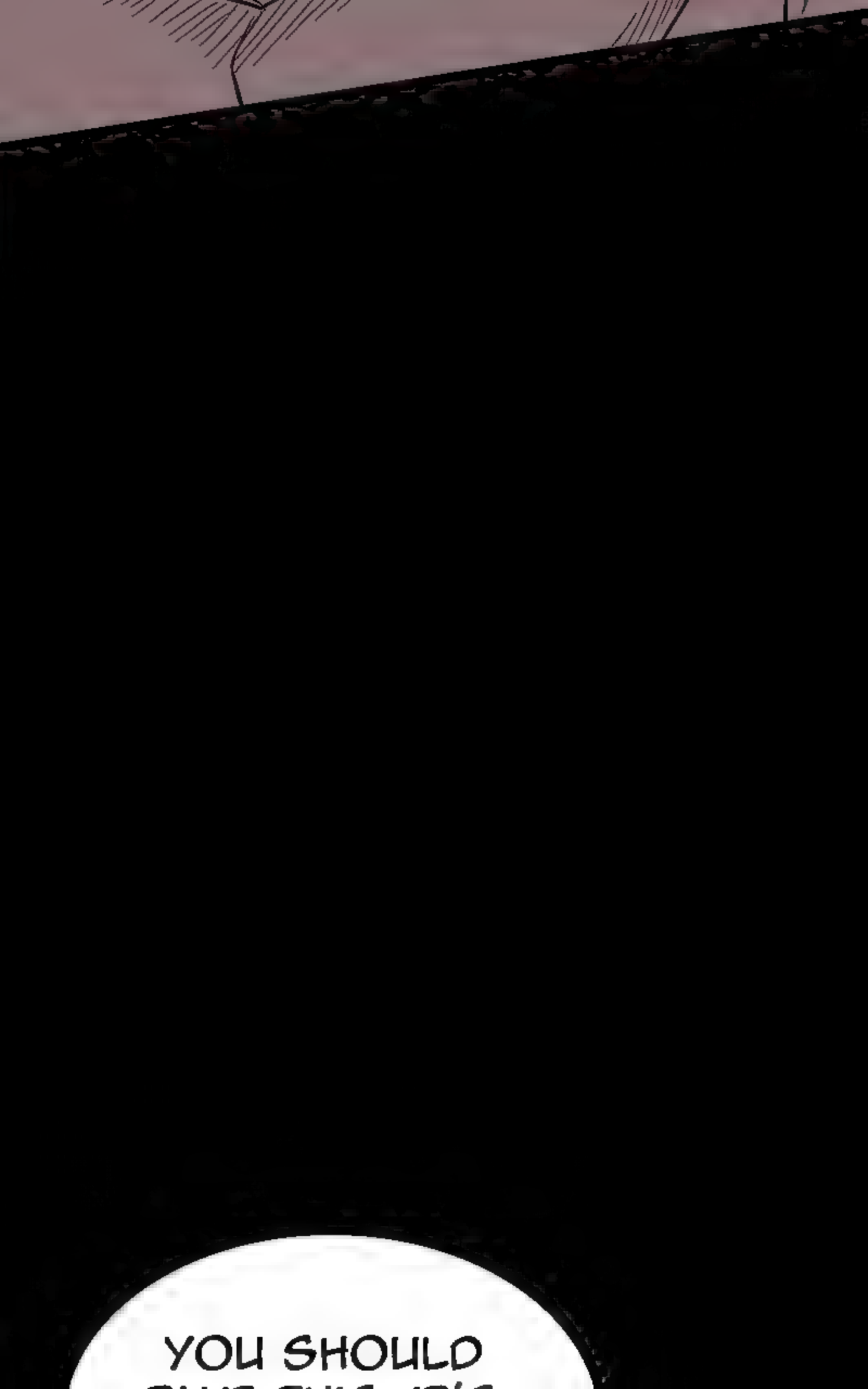
I...I'LL BE SCARED BY MYSELF, THOUGH.
I KNOW.

I'M SCARED OF THE DARK TOO. AND GOING UNDERGROUND.

BUT I'M STILL GOING TO DO IT.
I KNOW YOU'RE VERY BRAVE, ASHLEY.

YOU'LL BE OKAY. I PROMISE.

FRANKIE, UM... HERE...
WHAT?

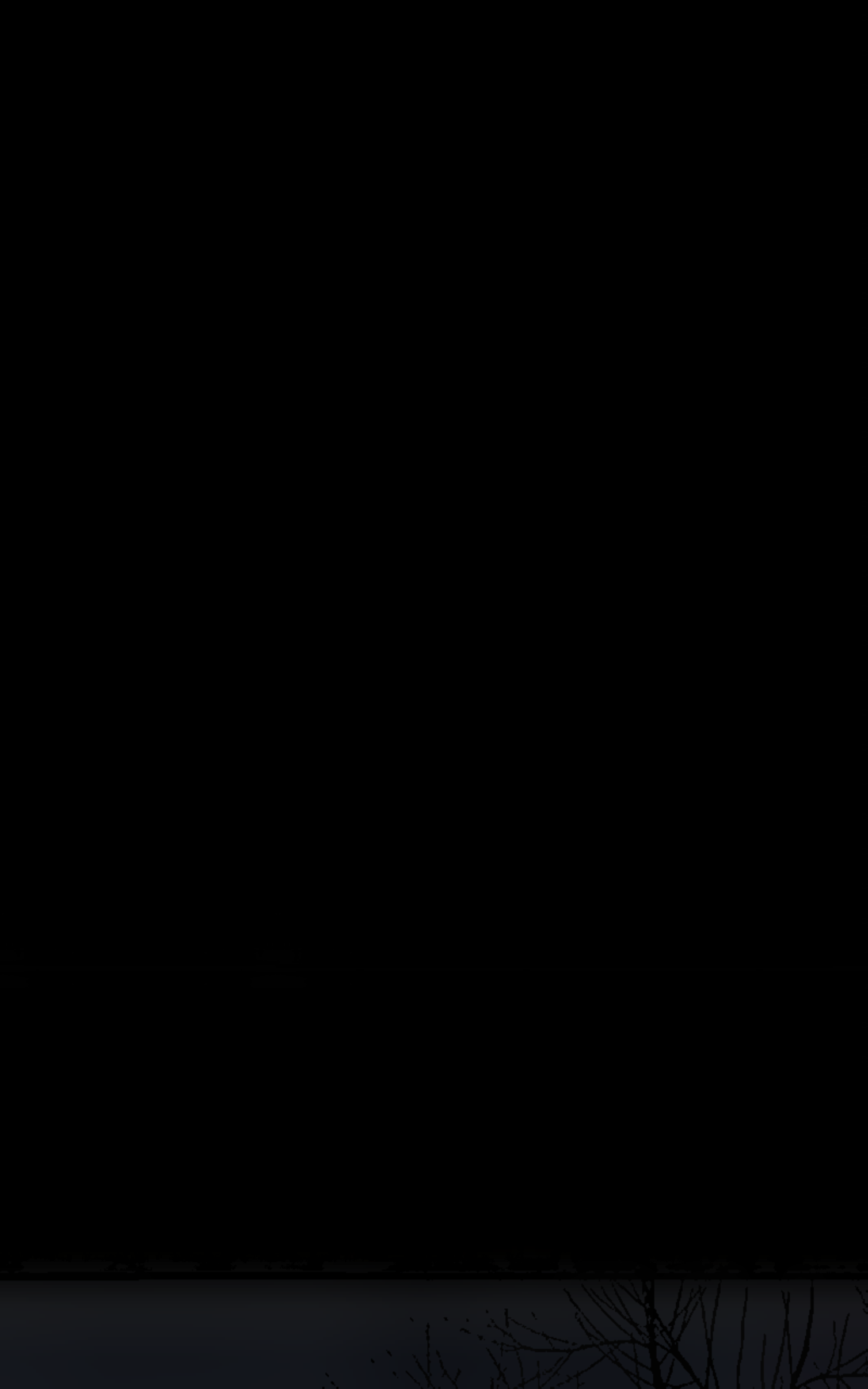

YOU SHOULD

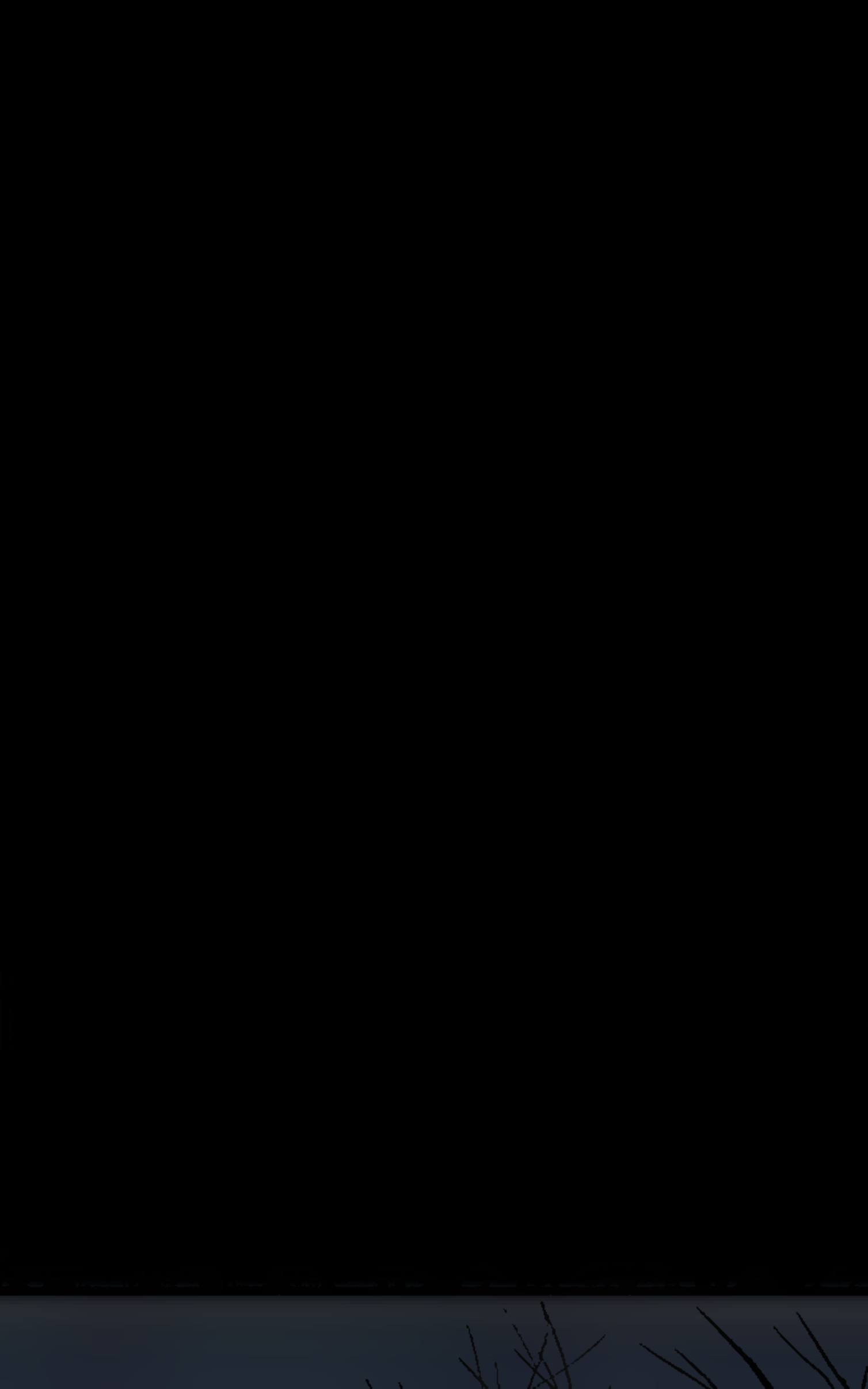
TAKE THIS. IT'S REALLY DARK DOWN THERE.
JINGLE

ARE YOU...
DONT YOU WANT TO KEEP IT? IN CASE YOU GET SCARED?

NO. I HAVE THE KITTY, SO IT'S OKAY.
YOU TAKE IT.

BYE, KID.
CLICK
WE'LL BE BACK.





OKAY, SHOULD BE REALLY CLOSE BY, ASHLEY SAID JUST PAST THE TREELINE.

KEEP YOUR SPRAY CANS AND LIGHTERS OUT AT ALL TIMES.

THERE!
THAT MUST BE IT.

LOOKS LIKE IT.
HEY, UH...IF WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THIS, I JUST...UH, WANTED TO SA-
NAH, SORRY

DUDE.
WE ALREADY DID THAT PART, YOU MISSED IT.

WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I MISSED IT? I GOT STUFF TO SAY!

NAH, SORRY, YOU MISSED IT. SAVE IT FOR LATER.
THAT'S NOT FAIR! HOW IS THAT FAIR?!

ENOUGH.
YOU GUYS READY TO GO?

YEAH, WE'RE READY.
YOU GOT A PLAN?

SIGH.

NO.
I DON'T.

FAIR ENOUGH.

LEAD ON, FRAN.